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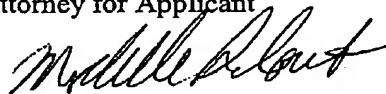
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## Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a 371 of PCT/EP04/51775 08/11/2004 ✓

## Foreign Applications

GERMANY 10338486.3 08/21/2003

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